

AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO THE 2015-2016 **SMALL GAME - FURBEARER PROCLAMATION**

The following sections are added to the 2015-2016 Small Game-Furbearer Proclamation dated July 20, 2015.

37. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.

Exceeding the daily bag of restricted species/sex ducks (Section 38)--penalty - noncriminal-\$50 for one bird in excess of the daily limit. A second bird or second violation within one year shall be a Class B misdemeanor.

Exceeding the daily bag of waterfowl (not restricted species/sex ducks) (Section 38 and 39) -- noncriminal-\$100 for one bird in excess of daily limit. A second bird or second violation within one year shall be a Class B Misdemeanor.

Hunting before or after legal hours (Section 40) up to 30 min.--penalty - noncriminal-\$100. In excess of 30 min.- Class B misdemeanor.

38. DUCKS, COOTS, AND MERGANSERS.

Low Plains Unit: Season Dates - September 26, 2015 through December 6, 2015. The daily bag limit shall be 6 ducks total. The daily limit may not include more than: 5 mallards of which only 2 may be female, 3 scaup, 3 wood duck, 2 pintail, 2 redhead, 2 canvasback. In addition to the daily bag limit of ducks listed above, an additional 2 blue-winged teal may be taken from September 26, 2015 through October 11, 2015. The daily limit for mergansers shall be 5 of which no more than 2 may be a hooded merganser. The daily limit for coots shall be 15. The possession limit for ducks, coots, and mergansers shall be three times the daily bag limit. The Low Plains Unit is that portion of North Dakota east of a line beginning at the South Dakota border, then north on U.S. Highway 83 and Interstate 94 to ND Highway 41, then north on ND Highway 41 to ND Highway 53, then west on ND Highway 53 to U.S. Highway 83, then north on U.S. Highway 83 to U.S. Highway 2, then west on U.S. Highway 2 to Williams County line, then north and west along the Williams and Divide County lines to the Canadian border.

High Plains Unit: Season Dates - September 26, 2015 through December 6, 2015 and December 12, 2015 through January 3, 2016. The daily and possession limits for ducks, coots, and mergansers shall be the same as that for the Low Plains Unit. The High Plains Unit is that portion of North Dakota west of the Low Plains Unit.

39. **GEESE.** The season length and bag limits shall be separate for Canada geese, white-fronted geese and light geese. Canada geese include all Canada geese and any other geese except white-fronted geese and light geese. Light geese include snow geese (including blue geese) and Ross's geese.

Canada geese may be taken in the Missouri River Canada Goose Zone from September 26, 2015 through January 1, 2016. Canada geese may be taken in the remainder of the state from September 26, 2015 through December 24, 2015. The daily limit shall be 5 Canada geese in the Missouri River Canada Goose Zone and 8 Canada geese in the remainder of the state. The possession limit shall be three times the daily bag limit.

White-fronted geese may be taken statewide from September 26, 2015 through December 6, 2015. The daily limit shall be 3 white-fronted geese. The possession limit shall be three times the daily bag limit.

Light geese may be taken statewide from September 26, 2015 through January 3, 2016. The daily limit shall be 50 light geese. There shall be no possession limit on light geese.

Disabled American Veterans goose hunting opportunity: On October 17 and 18, 2015, an area normally closed to the taking of geese shall be open for the taking of geese by Disabled American Veterans. This area is the Missouri River Waterfowl Rest Area from the Garrison Dam to Turtle Creek downstream from Washburn. Only disabled veterans, (military action related) are eligible to participate. Priority will be given based on the severity of disability. Further information and assistance in participation in this limited opportunity must be obtained by calling the D.A.V. Hunt Committee at 701-748-2550 prior to October 16, 2015 after October 17 call 701-748-6227.

40. **SHOOTING HOURS.** Shooting hours for ducks, coots, and mergansers shall be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Except as noted below, the shooting hours for geese shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. each day including opening day through October 31, 2015. Starting November 1, 2015 shooting hours for geese shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to 2 p.m. each day. Shooting hours for geese shall be one-half (½) hour before sunrise to sunset on Saturdays and Wednesdays from September 26, 2015 through November 25, 2015 and on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays from November 26, 2015 through the end of each season.
41. **BOATS.** Ducks, coots, mergansers, geese and tundra swans may be taken from a floating craft, excluding a sinkbox, if such craft is beached, or fastened within or tied immediately alongside any type of fixed hunting blind, or from such craft resting at anchor.

42. **SPECIAL YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASON.** Legally licensed residents and non-residents 15 years of age or younger may hunt ducks, coots, mergansers and geese statewide on September 19 and 20, 2015. An adult, at least 18 years of age, must accompany the youth hunter into the field. The adult may not hunt ducks, coots, or mergansers. Shooting hours for the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Season shall be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. The daily bag limit, including species restrictions and all other regulations that apply to the regular duck and goose hunting seasons shall apply to this special season.
43. **ELECTRONIC AND RECORDED CALLS.** Possession or use of an electronic or recorded call is prohibited while hunting waterfowl.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Great Seal of North Dakota this 13th day of August, 2015.

/s/ Jack Dalrymple
Jack Dalrymple
Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State

Deputy